

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Ryoji SAIGUCHI et al.  
Title: PASSENGER PROTECTING  
APPARATUS  
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**CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION**  
**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

☐ Continuation ☒ Division ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified copending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (62 pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (48 sheets, Figures , 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37a, 37b, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51a, 51b, 52,a, 53b, 54, 55, 56a, 56b, 56c, 57a, 57,b 57c, 58a, 58b, 59a, 59b, 60, 61).

- ☒ Copy of Declaration and Power of Attorney from parent application (4 pages).
- ☒ Copy of Assignment of the invention to TAKATA CORPORATION from parent application
- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☒ Form PTOSB/08 with 35 listed reference(s).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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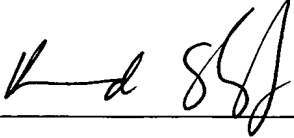
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- ☐ The required filing fees are not enclosed but will be submitted in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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